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John I. Shipp )  
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Filed: November 25, 2003 ) Examiner: Cary E. O'Connor  
For: LIGATION CLIP AND CLIP APPLIER)

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**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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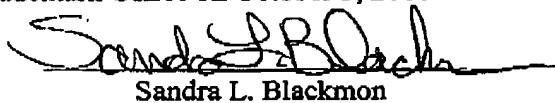
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Action dated \*\*\* in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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